Acting Teachers in the Muvattupuzha Division.

9 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether teachers acting in permanent vacancies in the Muvattupuzha Division were relieved before the vacation began, and, if so, why?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): *First Part.*—Yes.

Second Part,—They were relieved in favour of their seniors or persons with higher qualifications in the waiting list.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether men with lesser qualifications were appointed on the plea of seniority?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. Because their names are in the waiting list.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether these persons were in service when men of better qualifications were standing outside?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Will the member kindly repeat the question?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): These persons were relieved in preference to other persons. I should like to know whether these persons were better qualified and with more seniority than the persons who were waiting outside?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Some of them may have been appointed earlier and some of them may have been appointed later.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the persons of less qualifications were appointed because others were not available?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Partly so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was similar action taken in the other Divisions as well?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

Supply of Drinking Water to the Sabarimala Temple.

10 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of expenditure for providing good drinking water during the last festival occasion at Sabarimala;

(*b*) whether they were successful in the attempt of taking water to the temple by laying pipes from Kumbhalam *Tedu* to the temple; and

(*c*) if not, whether there is any other scheme before them by which good drinking water can be supplied to the temple?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 3,150.

(*b*) Yes. But there was partial failure of water on the last day of the festival as there was not sufficient water in the stream due to exceptional hot whether in the year throughout the State.

(*c*) A scheme for the supply of water from Kallar 3 miles away is also under investigation, but the cost is reported to be prohibitive.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : With regard to answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member the approximate cost ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The actual amount has not been reported. According to the Devaswom Commissioner's opinion, the cost is likely to be prohibitive.

Market Collections.

11 * **MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount collected by market contractors on head-loads and hand-loads in (*a*) public markets and (*b*) municipal markets, in the years 1108 and 1109 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The collection is made by lessees who keep no accounts. The information is therefore not available.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) May I know from Govenment whether the lessees are not bound to keep accounts ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They are not bound to keep accounts of the amount they collect on head-loads and hand-loads.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : May I know whether they are bound to keep any account ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Under the agreement executed by the lessees, they are not bound to keep accounts.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from Government whether the contractors keep false accounts ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been reported that the contractors do not maintain accounts of the collection on head-loads and hand-loads.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether it is possible for Government to demand correct accounts from the contractors during the next auction ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no objection on their part to maintain accounts.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : Is the income of the lessees liable to tax ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is assessable if it is more than the minimum prescribed for exemption from income tax,

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